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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following have authorized their names to be candidates in the primary election, on the ticket under which their names appear.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.
For Representative—S. J. WADE.
For Senator—W. R. DUKES.
For County Treasurer—C. D. M. GUPTON.
For Sheriff—LOUIS P. GORER.
For County Judge—J. S. NORRIS.
For Surveyor—J. R. WARNER.
For County Judge—2d District—W. ED. ROBB.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Republican national convention is in full swing at Chicago but as the Kicker goes to press no platform has been agreed upon and no nomination for president made.

There seems to be trouble in the air for the "stand-patters." The Wisconsin and other delegates from states where the Socialists are about to get 'em are causing the trouble. These delegates realize that the old slush will no longer go down with the people and demand real reform—such as election of U. S. Senators by direct vote; tariff reduction, and many other things that will not be granted them, and they are having a time of it. In Wisconsin the Socialists already have several members in both branches of the state assembly, and expect to elect more this fall.

Taft, who was considered as good as nominated, and Roosevelt, who thought he might "sneak" through, both seem to have chances of losing.

FARMERS TO BOOST PRICES.

From the Chicago Daily Socialist.

Hundreds of thousands of farmers, members of the American Society of Equity, are planning a coup to control the wheat and flax acreage of the United States to keep the prices of these products up above the dollar mark until November 1, this year. Any price over a dollar will be considered fair for wheat, while they are determined to keep flax up to \$1.30. After this date whatever price deemed fair and profitable by the delegates to a convention to be held by the society will be accepted.

Tens of thousands of farmers in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Nebraska have promised to aid in the coup and have pledged their crops. Farmers in the wheat belt are anxious to settle the question of the rise and decline in wheat. They are confident that through this campaign operated by the farmers as a unit they will be able to regulate their own prices instead of having them "touched" up by the grain gamblers in the big cities.

Along with this campaign to control the marketing of spring wheat and flax there is an effort being made to have the farmers join together and lease, buy or build terminal elevators and to establish terminal commission houses at Minneapolis and some Lake Superior port.

The campaign to bolster up the price of flax and wheat will have its climax with a great meeting to be held at Fargo, N. Dak., about the middle of October. It is expected that nearly every state will send delegates, each of whom will have the power to act for the farmers in the vicinity he is sent from. It is said that the delegates to the meeting will represent 50,000,000 bushels of grain.

TEACHERS.

The regular examination for teachers will be held at Oran Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27.

B. Hugh Smith, County Superintendent.

FROM MORLEY.

Five tramps, one being a negro, were in town this week. It's a pity the negro is trying to beat the white man out of his job.

Wheat is very good, although the farmers will lose much on account of it being straw-fallen.

Mrs. Bynum and daughter returned from Jackson Saturday.

Cale Porter visited his cousin, John Porter, at Ilmo Sunday.

Chas. Harris, of Vanduser, visited relatives here Sunday.

Misses Cora Hinkle and Serelda Clark were at Benton Sunday.

Mrs. L. Daugherty, of Benton, visited relatives here Monday.

R. L. Harrison shipped a car load of hogs Tuesday.

B. Nations threshed wheat Tuesday.

Mrs. Taylor is very sick.

FROM BUGG RIDGE.

There will be preaching on the fourth Sunday—both morning and evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Purdue on June 12, an eight pound boy.

Everybody on the Ridge are behind with their corn crops.

Dick Bugg of Kentucky is visiting relatives on the ridge.

H. F. Emerson will start his threshing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Greer visited in Morley Sunday.

FROM ORAN.

We are making rapid strides along educational lines now—going it at a hop, skip and a jump. What care we for the old traditional ideas, that it was necessary to have the pupils learn to spell correctly or to read intelligently or to be perfect in mathematics, to come up at all times with perfect lessons? These old foggy ideas are a thing of the past. A new era has dawned upon us. We live now in a progressive age. The old pedagogues that spent so much time in having their pupils to become perfect in the common school branches before taking up the high school course are now regarded as a back number. Now we endeavor to make a vain display of learning—put on an air of learning and a pretense of knowledge—and go through the world on the presumption that the other fellow is as ignorant as we.

The contractors, who have in charge the work of enlarging the dredge ditch west of town, have finished the boat and began work. The boat has proven a success in every particular, doing the required work with ease and rapidity. While this work was an actual necessity—the salvation of the country—yet it necessarily entails a heavy debt upon the adjacent land owners. The ditch at present is spanned by several bridges. Those at the upper end of wood while those at the south end are of iron. These will have to be removed and then replaced. As the ditch will be widened it is questionable whether the same iron bridges will answer or new ones will have to be substituted.

I recently heard a party talking about "old fools"—saying "An old fool is the biggest fool in the world." One writer has said that we are all fools to a certain extent—along certain lines. This being the case, it is becoming in one fool to criticize the unwise or imprudent acts of another? Again I might ask has nature endowed you with more brains or with a superior intellect that you should assume the right to sit in judgment—criticize or pass condemnation or become a censor toward your neighbor. When Fulton was building the steamboat this epithet was repeatedly applied to him. The inventors of the cotton gin, telegraph, etc., received the same encouragement.

Wednesday evening Night-watchman D. D. Spradlin received a message from the officials at Cape Girardeau to be on the watch for two colored "gemmen" who were charged with cutting open a suit case and the parties would probably be on the south-bound Frisco. When the train arrived the officers here went aboard and sure enough the "gemmen" were aboard. They were taken from the train, searched and the missing goods were found in their possession. The authorities at Cape Girardeau were notified and the prisoners taken back.

Just now there is apparently sharp competition in business circles here. There seems to exist a spirit of rivalry between the principal business houses. Prices are being cut and business done on very close margins. The general mercantile store of Emory & Heisserer and that of William Oliver & Co. have put in delivery wagons and goods are being delivered in any part of the town. While making these deliveries the drivers are alert to catch—drum up—trade.

The dredge ditch that was heretofore dug, starting south of the Fair Grounds, will be extended on up to near the flouring mill or the southern limit of the town so as to intercept the waters of Crooked Creek and thus prevent the water from that stream overflowing the farm lands adjacent thereto, as well as effectually draining that part of the town.

R. S. Coleman says that he and H. C. Allison took the contract of cutting all the weeds in their locality but that Allison notified him that the contract was made without his consent hence he must decline. Later Allison says he might put his son, John, at the work.

From the most reliable information obtainable at this time the wheat crop here will average from 10 to 15 bushel. Joe Kieffer says he has harvested 180 acres and the yield will be from 12 to 15 bushel per acre.

During the rain and wind storm one evening last week two of the large glass in the public school building were blown out and those in attendance at the training school were badly frightened.

C. & A. J. Matthews, who (counting a few share crops) have 1,500 acres in wheat, commenced threshing on Monday, the 15th. Caleb thinks the crop will average fifteen bushels per acre.

In order to settle a dispute here, will some of the wise men of Benton give us (approximately) the colored or negro vote in the states of Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

The new seats for the Baptist Church are expected this week. This church, under the administration of Rev. Bowman, is doing a good work.

The training school is moving along nicely. County Commissioner Smith has the matter well in hand and is doing good work.

Sheriff Guber, Prosecuting Attorney Mosely and Col. Albert DeReign, of Benton, were here Monday.

Harry Miller, of Fredericktown, was visiting relatives here last week. Mrs. Dr. W. E. Harris is his sister.

The threshermen report the wheat crop short—several crops not yielding over 8 to 10 bushel.

H. J. Simmons, of Clarence, Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor was here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Marshall are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reeder at Fredericktown.

Mrs. Dr. W. H. Allen and Miss Ruth Scherer, of Blodgett, were in town Thursday.

Rev. William Boutwell and son, Clyde, of Whitewater, are visiting friends here.

Dr. Williams and Fred Wood, of Cape Girardeau, Sunday here.

Mrs. A. J. Moore, of Sikeston, is the guest of relatives here.

William Mason, of near Vanduser was here Saturday.

C. D. M. Gupton, of Morley, was here Friday.

FROM COMMERCE.

Mrs. Coffman and mother left for St. Louis this week after spending several weeks here with her son.

Misses Mona and Mae McKay, of St. Louis, are the guests of Misses Sadie and Grace DeWint.

Miss Grace DeWint was in Cape Girardeau Tuesday to meet a couple of friends from the city.

Misses Virgie and Jessie Anderson entertained in honor of Miss Baker of Sikeston.

Anna T. Anderson has returned from Cairo, Ill. where she has been attending school.

Ralph Anderson and Miss Baker, of Sikeston, are visiting Mrs. Clara Anderson.

Mrs. Kendall and daughter, of Sikeston, are spending the summer here.

Miss Daisy Staley, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs. G. W. Brundrett.

C. M. Wylie was at Cape Girardeau this week.

L. A. Reynolds was at Cape Girardeau Tuesday.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Addie Sanders returned Sunday after a few weeks' visit at Fayetteville, Ill.—accompanied by Mrs. H. B. Weaver and children and William Griffith and Alfred Whiting.

Messrs. Griffith and Whiting returned to Fayetteville Sunday. Mrs. Weaver will remain a week.

George and Willie Everhart and Lewis Davis, of Fayetteville, Ill., were visitors in this neighborhood Sunday.

Church on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Everybody come.

Miss Belle Garvey, of Commerce, spent Sunday with home folks.

Church Sunday was well attended.

FROM REDMAN.

The Chair Co.'s mill is running with a full force of hands after being shut down for a week for the lack of men.

Chas. Reynolds and wife visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Laura Gibbs, at Fayetteville, Ill. Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. Spaulding, Jr. went to McClure, Ill. Sunday where he will run a threshing outfit.

John Harrison and family, of Hickory Grove, spent Sunday with Wm. Simmons.

Cross Plains Farmers' Union is putting in a pair of scales at Redman Switch.

The farmers have their wheat out and are now looking for the threshers.

Mrs. Tom Chewing and children visited Roy Kneezle near Unity Sunday.

B. F. Anderson, of Commerce, was in our vicinity Monday.

L. A. Reynolds, of Commerce, was visiting here Monday.

L. A. Reynolds has had a barn built on his farm.

Jack Spiliard was a Commerce visitor Sunday.

R. L. Buck, of Morley, is in our vicinity.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.

There was a musical entertainment Saturday night in honor of Bud Miller's birthday. All present report a good time.

Wheat cutting is over and the farmers are going after the weeds and grass.

Mrs. Dick Taylor visited her mother in Richwoods Saturday and Sunday.

Mark Hall, of near Charleston, visited at C. P. Stanley's Sunday.

Born, last week, to Mr. and Mrs. Woodson, a girl.

J. E. Morrow was at Charleston Saturday.

Mrs. Ike Howlett is still sick.

FROM SILENT HILL.

There will be preaching at Bethel church Saturday night and Sunday by Rev. Presson.

There is talk of a protracted meeting beginning the second Sunday in July.

If the weather is favorable threshing will begin this week.

W. J. Kindred went to Sikeston Monday.

A. L. MILLS,

Justice of the Peace—Commerce, Mo. All business promptly attended to. COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

HERE AND YONDER.

I know it is a busy time, but farmers in the vicinity of Oran and Edna should try to hear Phil, Callery—the man who placed "Gene Debs" in nomination at the Chicago convention. He will speak at Edna Monday, June 22, at 8 and 8 o'clock, p. m. If you can't go in the afternoon, hear him at night. He will gladly answer any questions regarding Socialism you may ask. Frame up a lot of questions and put them to him. That is what he is here for—to teach you. He will also speak at Metz's Hall, Oran, Tuesday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock. Give him some nuts to crack. Mr. Callery is himself a farmer.

The Mississippi River is up and coming. Above Commerce sand bags are being placed along the edge of the bank to keep the river from undermining the railroad track. At Cape Girardeau the river is several inches over the track on the levee. Crops on both sides of the river are flooded. The water is passing over the Rock Levee and this will flood the west part of the county. Tywappity bottom is said to be suffering severely. It is the highest water in 15 years—and still rising.

Farmers, you have union warehouses in the county. Would it not be a good idea to see the keeper before selling your grain? Do you know that if you did not have these warehouses the price would be less? If there is any advantage to be given, why not give it to the warehouses where you are interested? Drive these warehouses out and you are again at the mercy of the combination.

Mrs. Phil A. Hafner received a message Monday evening from Beach Ridge, Ill., that her mother, Mrs. C. Milford, was dying. She left that night and the editor has been too busy "keeping house" to spend the usual time on the paper.

The latest report says that there are 6,305,000 workers out of employment in the United States. The total number usually employed is about 15,000,000. Hence nearly half the workers have no full dinner pail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jacob and son, Earl, of Ilmo, and Fred. Roland, of Washington, D. C., spent a few hours with the Kicker Tuesday.

Harry Smith, a railroad employe of Chaffee, aged 27, died of typhoid pneumonia last week. He was buried at the Cape.

The Chaffee Review was sold here under mortgage Monday and was "knocked off" on its former owner, B. K. LaCrosse.

John Thomas, brother to Judge Matt Thomas of Keosauqua, died at his home in Cape Girardeau last week, aged 50 years.

Albert Schurenberg, of Vanduser was brought here to jail Monday. He very foolishly carried a pistol.

Mrs. S. J. Wade entertained some of the W. C. T. U. members Wednesday.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

TAKEN UP—On June 15, five head of horses. One flea-bitten mare and colt; one bay mare and colt, and one yearling sorrel colt. Owner can have same by calling for them and paying charges. J. W. Wilson, Pound Master, Benton.

If you have a farm or town property for sale, list it with me. If you want to buy, see me. D. H. Harper, Oran, Mo. (21-1f)

Farmers, if you have cattle, hogs or sheep for sale, bring them to us, we pay the highest price. 23-1f Halter & Gangle, Oran.

Marshall Arnold, G. R. Daugherty

Arnold & Daugherty,

LAWYERS.

Careful attention given to all business entrusted to our care.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE.

Bank Building. Benton, Mo.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of August Dobogoe deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the probate court of Scott county, Missouri, in vacation, bearing date the 14th day of May, 1908. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year from the date of the probate of the will or the date of the appointment of the executor, or they will be forever barred. Joseph Dobogoe, Executor.

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE.

State of Missouri, County of Scott—SS.

Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held at the regular polling places in each precinct of said County of Scott and that the polls will be open between the hours of Seven O'clock in the morning and Six O'clock in the evening, unless the sun shall set after six, when the polls shall be kept open until sunset on the first Tuesday of August, 1908, being the 4th day of August, 1908, for the purpose of nominating Candidates for State, District, County and Township Offices, to be voted for at the general election to be held on Tuesday, 3rd day of November, 1908.

That the hereinafter mentioned list contains the name and Post Office address of each candidate for nomination, together with a designation of the office for which he is a candidate, and the party or principle that he represents, and the same appears from a certificate from the Secretary of State and from nomination papers on file in my office, as required by law.

For Governor representing the Republican Party—Herbert S. Hadley, Jefferson City.

For Governor representing the Democratic Party—David A. Ball, Louisiana; William S. Cowherd, Kansas City; William N. Evans, West Plains.

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner representing the Democratic Party—Amos L. Coleman, De Soto; H. H. Washburn, Cape Girardeau; William W. Wilder, Ste. Genevieve.

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner representing the Democratic Party—Warren C. Bronaugh, Clinton; Richard L. Hall, Springfield; John A. Knott, Hannibal; William M. Smith, Kirkwood; H. C. Threlkeld, Shelby; Nova J. Winters, Milan.

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner representing the Socialist Party—U. S. Barnsley, Monett.

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner representing the People's Party—James W. Riley, Madison.

For Judge of the Supreme Court representing the Democratic Party—Waller W. Graves, Butler; Nat. M. Shelton, Macon.

For Judge of the Supreme Court representing the Socialist Party: L.



Rain or Shine!

The Great Celebration and Race Meeting, to be held in * *

ORAN, JULY 4,

We expect to make this the biggest day Scott county ever had. When the day is over you will think you have seen more on that day in Oran, Mo., than you could have seen in a week at other places. Now, we are making arrangements to take care of all the people in Scott county, hence there will be room for you, and we will expect you here.

EXCURSION RATES OVER ALL RAILROADS

Racing Program:

1. Half-Mile Dash. 4 to Enter, 3 to Start
2. Trotting. Half-Mile—2 best in 3.
3. Pacing. Half-Mile—2 best in 3.
4. Mule Race—Half-Mile Dash.

Oran has one of the best race-tracks in South-east Missouri and you may expect to see some good racing. There are plenty of buildings on the grounds to keep you dry in case of rain.

Scott county voters will expect every candidate here on that day so they will be able to make their choice, let him be whatever he may.

Democrat, Republican, Socialist.

Just think; you can see everything on the grounds FREE. No charge at Gate. Plenty doing for old and young. Good dance floor. No expense will be spared to make this a great day in Oran, Mo. Given by ORAN BUSINESS MEN.

There will be all Kinds of Amusements

On the grounds. You will be highly entertained and will never regret being with us. Just think of seeing all the people of Scott county at one place!

Plenty to Eat and Drink on the Grounds

Brass and String Music!

Entertainments going on at all Times

Plains; Henry F. Stapel, Rockport; William H. Walker, Kansas City; James H. Whitcomb, Paris.

For Governor representing the Socialist Party—Wm. L. Garver, Chillicothe.

For Governor representing the Prohibition Party—Herman P. Faris, Clinton.

For Governor representing the People's Party—William A. Dillon, Marling.

For Lieutenant-Governor representing the Republican Party—Jacob F. Gmelich, Booneville.

For Lieutenant-Governor representing the Democratic Party—Ben M. Anderson, Columbia; Walter A. Kelly, St. Louis; William H. Leazenby, Bethany; William R. Painter, Carrollton; H. J. Simmons, Clarence; Arthur S. Tubbs, St. Louis.

For Lieutenant-Governor representing the Socialist Party—U. F. Sargent, Springfield.

For Lieutenant-Governor representing the Prohibition Party—Monte J. Payne, Webster Grove.

For Lieutenant-Governor representing the People's Party—H. C. Donohue, Appleton City.

For Secretary of State representing the Republican Party—John E. Swadlow, Missouri.

For Secretary of State representing the Democratic Party—Michael K. McGrath, St. Louis; Cornelius Roach, Carthage.

For Secretary of State representing the Socialist Party—Frank Baker, Poplar Bluff.

For Secretary of State representing the Prohibition Party—James F. Botts, Lancaster.

For Secretary of State representing the People's Party—James M. Burruss, Kansas City.

For State Auditor representing the Republican Party—Jesse A. Tolerton, Branson.

For State Auditor representing the Democratic Party—John L. Bradley, Deleware; Bernard Dierkes, St. Louis; John P. Gordon, Lexington; Frank A. J. Hiller, St. Louis; John O. Long, Potosi.

For State Auditor representing the Socialist Party—Frank Foster, Hannibal.

For State Auditor representing the Prohibition Party—George C. McLaughlin, Sedalia.

For State Auditor representing the People's Party—C. L. Alexander, Farmington.

For State Treasurer representing the Republican Party—Wilbur F. Marling, Jefferson City.

For State Treasurer representing the Democratic Party—James Cowdell, Kansas City.

For State Treasurer representing the Socialist Party—Guy E. Etherton, Kansas City.

For State Treasurer representing the Prohibition Party—Bishop O. Terry, Green Castle.

For State Treasurer representing the People's Party—F. W. Letsch, Marshfield.

For Attorney-General representing the Republican Party—Frank B. Fulmer, St. Joseph; North T. Gentry, Columbia.